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1. WE ASSUME ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A) ANALYSIS OF U.S. INTERESTS IN BULGARIA AND WHERE
--- BULGARIA FITS INTO THE FRAMEWORK OF U.S. POLICY
--- OBJECTIVES;
- B) WHAT SHOULD OUR BASIC POLICY OBJECTIVES IN BULGARIA
--- BE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS;
- C) EVALUATION OF HOW WELL OR BADLY WE FARED OVER THE
--- PAST YEAR IN ADVANCING OUR INTERESTS IN BULGARIA;

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--- D) IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TRENDS AND PROBLEMS WHICH

--- MIGHT AFFECT U.S. INTERESTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS
--- ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO MEET
--- OUR OBJECTIVES IN THE COMING YEAR.

2. UNDER (D) ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY SHOULD ADDRESS
THE FOLLOWING:

--- A) HOW WILL U.S. INTERESTS IN BULGARIA BE AFFECTED BY
--- THE UPCOMING SUCCESSION IN YUGOSLAVIA AND IN THE
--- SOVIET UNION?

--- B) HOW, IF AT ALL, DOES BULGARIA'S SLIGHTLY EXPANDED
--- ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AFFECT U.S.
--- INTERESTS? COULD THIS INCREASED ACTIVITY PROVIDE
--- US WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO OBTAIN BULGARIAN COOPERA-
--- TION ON ANY ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA?

--- C) ASSUMING THAT THE ISSUE OF MFN REMAINS MOOT, HOW
--- WILL OUR INTERESTS IN BULGARIA BE AFFECTED AS WE
--- MOVE SLOWLY TOWARD MORE NORMAL RELATIONS? WHAT
--- OBJECTIVES SHOULD THE U.S. HAVE WITHIN THE FRAME-
--- WORK OF A LESS DYNAMIC BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP
--- WITH BULGARIA -- ALWAYS, OF COURSE, RECOGNIZING
--- THE LIMITATION OF THE U.S.S.R.'S PRIMACY OF IN-
--- TEREST?

--- D) BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW OF BULGARIA'S ROLE DURING
--- THE RECENT BALKAN MEETING, SHOULD WE ASSUME THAT
--- ANY CHANCES OF A MORE REGIONAL ORIENTATION IN
--- SOFIA'S FOREIGN POLICY ARE VERY SLIGHT IN THE NEAR
--- AND MEDIUM TERM? KISSINGER

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